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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF DECEMBER 18, 2003 INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

Examiner Bockelman and Attorney Charlene Yager conducted a telephonic interview on December 18, 2003. This Statement of Substance is timely filed as the deadline fell on a weekend and Monday, January 19, 2004 was a federal holiday.

In the interview of December 18, 2003, I discussed with Examiner Bockelman proposed claim amendments and the Cimochowski reference. We discussed the basis for the rejection based on Cimochowski and whether the proposed claim amendments overcame the rejection. We did not reach agreement as to whether Examiner Bockelman would withdraw the rejections based on the proposed claim amendments.

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